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JOHN T. SULLIVAN TO JACKSON.

Philadelphia, December 3, 1833.

Dear sir, This day at four Oclock Mr. Biddle and his committee, made a long and laboured report, On the removal of the Deposites and on the Expose read to your Cabinet on that subject; and also in explanation of the Report of the Govt. Directors in relation to the expence Acct. etc. It will occupy forty or 50 pages Octavo, and is characterised by sophistry, evasion and violence; Indeed, if the American People do not visit the Bank, and its manage[r]s, with a more decided expression of their condemnation than has yet been made manifest, I have very much mistaken their character, and I have reason to believe, that Congress on reading this tirade, will feel themselves called upon by every sense of duty to the Country to present a bold and unbroken front on the side of the Administration. Indeed the Bank has taken such a stand, as will admit of no neutrals. This last struggle, this expiring effort is intended rather as an attack on the Administration, than a defence of measures, which are in themselves indefensible. The Govt Directors come in for a share of the abuse, but we are so strongly armed with facts, which will speedily appear, as cannot fail to have a powerful influence on the public mind, and must Completely overthrow all the flimsy sophistry of Mr. Biddle. In all Mr. Biddle's labours, he has not found time to explain the \$23,000 appropriated and paid by him, nobody knows to whom, or for what purpose. Indeed there is not the *slightest* allusion made to those expenditures; they cannot be explained.

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Mr. Duane has made his appeal, it will injure only himself. The Bank men are dissatisfied; it falls short of their expectations in point of ability and efficiency, and will effectually seal the political fate of its author,

I have the honor to remain